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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Landscape Architecture**

**MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 13, 2014**

**PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover DE  
Conference Room "B", Cannon Building**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eric Wahl, Board President  
Jeff Clark, Professional Member  
Jeffrey Seemans, Professional Member  
Rachel Dunning, Public Member, Treasurer  
William Bullock, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General  
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II  
Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

There were no others present at the November 13, 2014 meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Wahl called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 14, 2014 meeting. Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bullock to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Ratification of Application(s) by Reciprocity**

Mr. Bullock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunning to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Ms. Lynn A. Moore. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bullock to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for John J. Blandy. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **Unfinished Business**

Mr. Wahl began to read aloud Rule 7.1.4 the "Self Directed Activities" portion of the Regulations. Mr. Clark stated that he had recently taken a course that was previously sponsored by DNREC, but is no longer called "Division of Soil and Water Conservation" as listed in 7.1.3.6 of the Rules & Regulations. DNREC should now be listed as "Division of Watershed Stewardship". The soil and water name no longer exists in the DNREC department listing.

Ms. Singh stated that she would draft a "Direct Final Order" and submit it to the Board at the next scheduled Board meeting. The Order will clarify the technical error in Rule 7.1.3.6, in light of DNREC's recent name change.

Ms. Singh and the Board members proposed to make clarification to Title 24 §206 A, Sections 1 and 2- "Qualifications of Applicant for Licensure"

Mr. Wahl discussed a webcast that he attended with the subject being "Alternative Paths to Meeting Experience Requirements". Mr. Wahl mentioned that during the webcast, he learned that 40% of the nation's Landscape Architecture Board's use alternative pathways to gain experience. Mr. Wahl used South Carolina as one example stating that they (SC) utilize experience under Allied Professionals which is at the discretion of the Board, which means that a Landscape Architect who gains experience under an Architect will not be automatically approved. The Board will need to review and approve these Supervisors on a case by case basis. Another example given was Colorado, which is a state that is fairly new to Landscape Architecture licensure, which would make it difficult to gain experience since there aren't many licensed Landscape Architect's in the state. Colorado is utilizing alternative paths including, virtual mentoring, teaching and additional education as ways to gain experience. Mr. Clark requested a copy of the current Landscape Architecture Licensure application which Mrs. Smith printed and distributed to the Board Members for review. Mr. Clark suggested that the Supervision form should allow a supervisor to attest to the character, skills and abilities of the person whom he/she is supervising. Mr. Wahl stated that the form should also list specifically how the applicant has gained his/her experience for the Board to review and decide whether or not the experience should be deemed acceptable.

Mr. Wahl stated that he got the impression from the CLARB webcast that other states are being stricter in regards to licensure by Reciprocity, also stating that it is relatively easier to qualify for licensure by Reciprocity in Delaware.

Once the Board reviewed the Supervision Form included in the Landscape Architecture application packet needed no changes. The Board members discussed when an applicant should sit for the CLARB Exam.

The Board agreed on the number of years of experience and education that the suggested changes made to Rules 206 and 210 by Ms. Singh were acceptable. Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to revise Rules 206 and 210 as previously discussed. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **Other Business before the Board**

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2015. Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the 2015 meeting dates as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

The Board members discussed a letter including CE's received from Robert Maloney. Mr. Wahl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to accept the 2.5 hours of CE submitted by Mr. Maloney. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board members also discussed a letter including CE's received from Andrew Durham. Mr. Wahl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunning to accept the hours of CE submitted by Mr. Durham. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment at the November 13, 2014 meeting.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The Board will hold the next scheduled meeting on February 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room "B" of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Following the previous statement, Ms. Singh explained to the Board members that she would compose a Draft letter regarding the proposed acquired experience changes to the Rules and Regulations which should be submitted to Mr. Mangler, Division Director.

Mr. Seemans announced that the November 2014 meeting would be his last meeting as a Board member. Mr. Seemans will be retiring as a Landscape Architect.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Wahl made a motion seconded by Mr. Clark, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Smith  
Administrative Specialist II  
Board of Landscape Architects

